

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus, comprising:

a value input device;

a controller operatively coupled to said value input device, said controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

said controller being programmed to receive wager data in response to a wager made by a person on a game, said wager data comprising a first plurality of indicia of a first type selected by said person,

said controller being programmed to receive data representing a second plurality of indicia of said first type, said second plurality of indicia of said first type being randomly selected,

said controller being programmed to replace one or more of said indicia of a first type in ~~at least one of~~ said first plurality of indicia ~~and said second plurality of indicia~~ with an indicia of a second type,

said controller being programmed to determine whether any of said first plurality of indicia of a first type match any of said second plurality of indicia of a first type,

said controller being programmed to match said indicia of a second type with at least one of said second plurality of indicia of a first type ~~if said indicia of a second type replaced an indicia of a first type from said first plurality of indicia,~~

~~said controller being programmed to match said indicia of a second type with at least one of said first plurality of indicia of a first type if said indicia of a second type replaced an indicia of a first type from said second plurality of indicia, and~~

said controller being programmed to determine a value payout associated with an outcome of said game,

said controller being programmed to randomly associate a random multiplier factor with said wager, the random multiplier being independent of the outcome of said game, and

said controller being programmed to multiply said value payout by said random multiplier factor if said random multiplier factor is associated with said wager.

26. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25 further comprising a display unit that is capable of generating video images,

wherein said controller is operatively coupled to said display unit, and

wherein said controller is programmed to cause a video image to be generated on said display unit, said video image representing a lottery game.

27. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 26, wherein said video image comprises a plurality of lottery numbers.

28. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 26, wherein said video image comprises said first plurality of indicia of a first type and does not comprise said indicia of a second type, and

wherein said controller is programmed to issue a ticket voucher comprising said first plurality of indicia of a first type and said indicia of a second type.

29. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 26, wherein said video image comprises said first plurality of indicia of a first type including said indicia of a second type.

30. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said indicia of a first type comprises lottery numbers.

31. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said controller is programmed to make an automated selection of said first plurality of indicia of a first type in response to an action by said person.

32. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said controller is programmed to randomly select said second plurality of indicia of said first type.

33. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25, wherein said controller is programmed to randomly replace said one or more indicia of a first type with said indicia of a second type.

34. (original) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25,
wherein said controller is programmed to receive wager data representing a plurality of wagers, each of said wagers comprising a first plurality of indicia of a first type selected by a person,
wherein said controller is programmed to select a wager from said plurality of wagers, and
wherein said controller is programmed to replace an indicia from said first plurality of indicia of a first type of said selected wager with an indicia of a second type.

35. (canceled)

36. (canceled)

37. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim [[35]] 25, wherein said controller is programmed to randomly associate said multiplier factor with said indicia of a second type.

38. (currently amended) A gaming apparatus as defined in claim 25,
wherein said controller is programmed to receive wager data in response to wagers made by a plurality of persons players, each of said wagers comprising a first plurality of indicia of a first type selected by a person player,
wherein said controller is programmed to select a person player from said plurality of persons players, and

wherein said controller is programmed to replace an indicia from said first plurality of indicia of a first type of said selected person player with said indicia of a second type.

39. (original) A gaming system comprising a plurality of gaming apparatuses as defined in claim 25, said gaming apparatuses being interconnected to form a network of gaming apparatuses.

40. (original) A gaming system as defined in claim 39,

wherein said controller is programmed to receive wager data representing at least one wager from each of said gaming apparatuses, each of said wagers comprising a first plurality of indicia of a first type selected by a person,

wherein said controller is programmed to select one or more of said plurality of gaming apparatuses, and

wherein said controller is programmed to replace an indicia from said first plurality of indicia of a first type of said one or more selected gaming apparatuses with said indicia of a second type.

41. (currently amended) A gaming system as defined in claim 39, wherein said controller comprises a central lottery controller,

wherein each of said gaming apparatuses ~~comprise~~ comprises a lottery terminal unit operatively coupled to said central controller, each lottery terminal comprising:

a ticket printer capable of generating ticket vouchers, and

a terminal controller operatively coupled to said ticket printer, said terminal controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to allow said person to make a wager,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to allow said person to select said first plurality of indicia of a first type,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to communicate said wager data to said central controller,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to cause said ticket printer to issue a ticket voucher comprising said first plurality of indicia of a first type,

wherein said first plurality of indicia of a first type represent lottery numbers of a government-sponsored lottery game.

42. (original) A gaming system as defined in claim 39, wherein said gaming apparatuses are interconnected via the Internet.

Claims 43-57 (canceled)

58. (currently amended) A government-sponsored lottery gaming system comprising:

a plurality of lottery terminals, each lottery terminal comprising:

a ticket printer capable of generating ticket vouchers,

a value input device, and

a terminal controller operatively coupled to said ticket printer and said value input device, said terminal controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor[,.] ; and

a lottery controller operatively coupled to each of the plurality of lottery terminals, the lottery controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to allow a person to make a wager on a game,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to allow said person to select a first plurality of indicia of a first type,

wherein said terminal controller is programmed to communicate wager data to said lottery controller, said wager data comprising said first plurality of indicia of a first type, and

~~wherein said terminal controller is programmed to cause said ticket printer to issue a ticket voucher comprising said first plurality of indicia of a first type; and~~

~~a lottery controller operatively coupled to each of said plurality of lottery terminals, said lottery controller comprising a processor and a memory operatively coupled to said processor,~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to receive said wager data from each of said lottery terminals,~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to receive data representing a second plurality of indicia of said first type, said second plurality of indicia of said first type being randomly selected,~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to replace one or more of said indicia of a first type from said first plurality of indicia with an indicia of a second type,~~

~~wherein the terminal controller is programmed to cause said ticket printer to issue a ticket voucher comprising said first plurality of indicia of a first type with one or more of said indicia of the first type replaced with an indicia of the second type,~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to determine whether any of said first plurality of indicia of a first type match any of said second plurality of indicia of a first type,~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to match said indicia of a second type with at least one of said second plurality of indicia of a first type, and~~

~~said lottery controller being programmed to determine a value payout associated with an outcome of said game.~~

59. (currently amended) A ~~government sponsored~~ lottery gaming system as defined in claim 58,

~~wherein said lottery controller is further programmed to randomly associate a multiplier factor with said wager, the random multiplier being independent of an outcome of said game, and~~

~~wherein said lottery controller is programmed to multiply said value payout by said by said multiplier factor.~~

60. (currently amended) A ~~government sponsored~~ lottery gaming system as defined in claim 59,

wherein said lottery controller is programmed to randomly assign a value to said multiplier factor, and

wherein said lottery controller is programmed to multiply said value payout by said randomly assigned value.

61. (currently amended) A ~~government sponsored~~ lottery gaming system as defined in claim 59, wherein said lottery controller is programmed to randomly associate said multiplier factor with said indicia of a second type.